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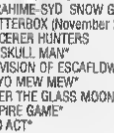

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Editor's Note

In *Man of Many Faces* and the other series in the CLAMP School universe, all characters address each other with what are called *honorifics*. What does this mean? Well, instead of all the kids calling each other by their first names and all the grown-ups being called Mr. or Ms., what characters call each other depends on their individual relationship. Proper honorifics are a very important part of Japanese culture, and by preserving them, we hope you'll be better able to enjoy the richness of the manga.

Here's a quick guide to the honorifics you will see in *Man of Many Faces*:

-san — Indicates respect. –san is the most common suffix and is used among peers who are not on an intimate level. It's the equivalent of Mr./Ms. Because Akira's family is pretty weird, his moms call him "Akira-san." Most parents wouldn't be so formal with their kids!

-sama — Indicates a great level of respect or admiration and is used towards someone much older or of high standing.

-chan/-kun — Indicates friendly familiarity with someone on the same level or younger. –kun usually applies only to boys, while –chan usually applies to girls.

-jo — A term of great respect used with girls of very high social standing. It's the equivalent of Miss or Lady, and is used very formally. Utako, because she's the daughter of a wealthy *zaibatsu* (a business clan), is called Utako-jo by those who don't know her personally.

-sensei — The term for "teacher." A teacher can be called "sensei" alone or with the name, as in "Akechi-sensei."

Okasan — A polite way to refer to your mother—or in Akira's case, your *mothers*!

Otosan — A polite way to refer to your father.

Oneesama — A very polite way of saying "big sister." The more common way of addressing older siblings (or just older kids who feel like your sibling) would be oneechan for sisters, and oniichan for brothers. Otako calls her sister Moto-oneesama because her family, like Akira's, is overly formal.

We hope that you enjoy this authentic presentation of *Man of Many Faces*. Send us an e-mail to let us know what you think!

Ja mata!

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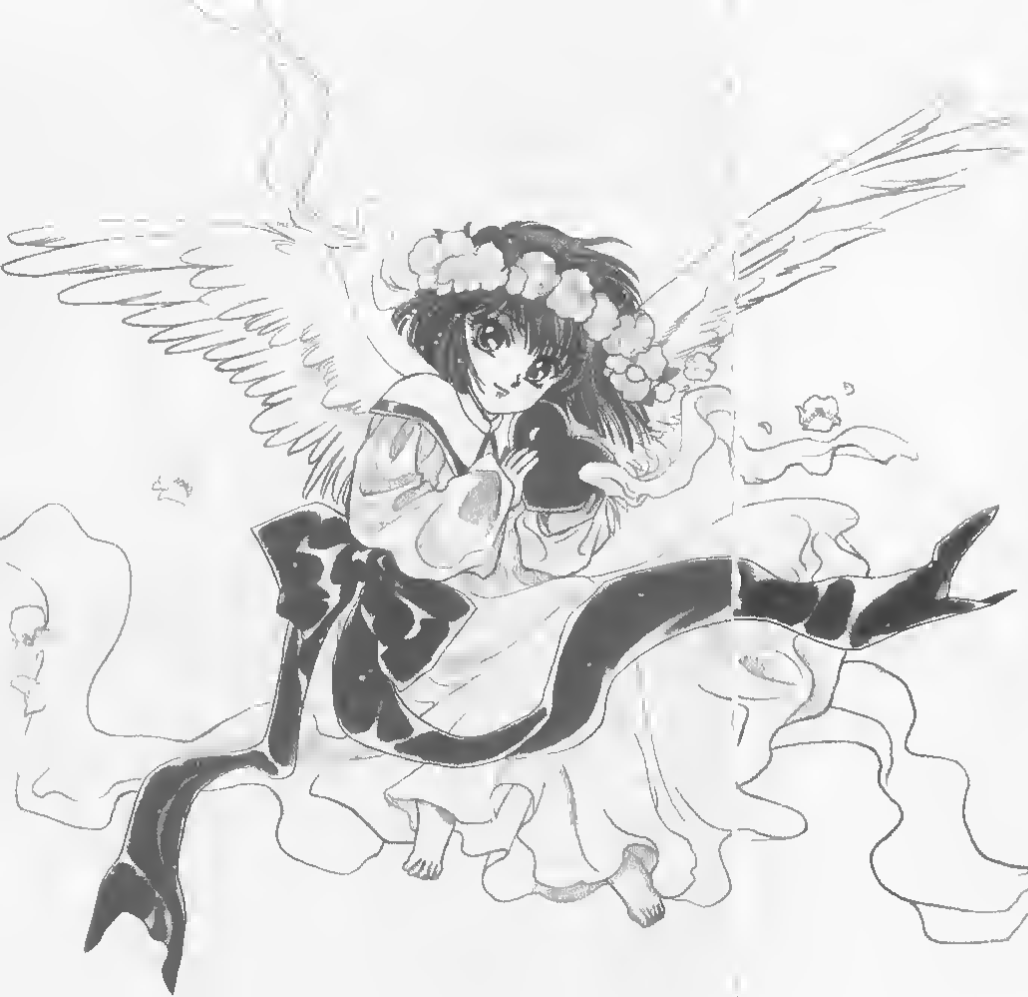

I always want to be excited to see the one I love."

Utako-san was smiling when she told me that.

We spend every Friday together.
This one is no different. We meet on the balcony. Utako could tell I was confused by the way I cocked my head to one side, like a puppy. It made her smile bigger.

"Being in love doesn't give you the license to do whatever you please." Utako-san poured me another cup of tea with milk. I was still confused.

"I think love is a very selfish emotion.
I mean, to love a person is a selfish act.
I also think it's a wonderful thing. But even then, it still doesn't give you the license to do whatever you want. Even if we get to the blissful stage where the love and affection is mutual, we are still two different people. You can't expect the object of your desire to love you in the exact same way you love her."

to
ber the thrill
felt when we
met. You can't
love for granted
If you love someone
you need to discover
the boundaries of your
relationship in order
to make it last."
think.
ic love will blossom
en you and I accept each other
angers. Different people,
ent hearts.
use we love one another,
we don't want to lose that excitement.

I gave Utako-san my full attention.

Ironically, since we are two different people, I'll never be able to completely understand her point—which is part of her point, as well. Nevertheless, the things she said about the excitement of seeing your sweetheart made a lot of sense to me.

When I see her beautiful smile, I feel a rush of emotion. It's so great, I worry that my heart will beat so loud that she'll hear it.

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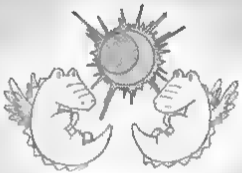

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WE WANT IT!!
GAHH!

WHAT DO YOU WANT NOW?!
WE DON'T *WANT*, WE *NEED*!!

FATHER'S PRESENT
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ウィーン!!
A GLASS BOWL...
THAT'S THE ONE!
LESSEE, IT HAS GARE'S LAMP HIS VASE...
THERE'S A NEW ANTIQUE COLLECTION ON EXHIBIT AT THE ICHIGAYA NEWTYPE MUSEUM IT'S FULL OF WONDERFUL TREASURES
WE WANT THE GLASS BOWL!
HUH?!
IT USED TO BELONG TO US!
BESIDES...
THIS ONE'S DIFFERENT
WE HAVE PLENTY OF GLASS BOWLS ONE MORE WOULD JUST BE EXCESSIVE

THAT BOWL WAS MADE BY YOUR FATHER
HE BLEW THE GLASS AND FASHIONED IT JUST FOR US
WHAAAT?!
IT SAYS SO RIGHT HERE
THAT'S A LIE. IT WAS MADE BY GARE
THIS ARTICLE SAYS AN EXPERT CHECKED THE PIECES OUT
HE VERIFIED THAT ALL THE ITEMS ON EXHIBIT WERE AUTHENTIC *EMILE GARE* CREATIONS— INCLUDING THE GLASS BOWL.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
WELL YOUR FATHER WAS A MAN OF VARIED TALENTS

BRIMMING WITH
自信
SELF-CONFIDENCE
誇り
THEY LIE! YOUR FATHER MADE THAT BOWL!
BUT HOW--?!
うとり。
THAT MAN COULD DO ANY-THING
IT WAS AN EXACT REPLICA OF A BOWL HE SAW IN A BOOK.
YOUR FATHER CRAFTED THAT BOWL FOR US TO SERVE CHILLED NOODLES IN
A NOODLE DISH..?

HOW DID THE MUSEUM GET IT, THEN?
SINCE IT WAS IDENTICAL TO THE BOWL IN THE BOOK
..WE DECIDED TO PLAY A LITTLE JOKE
WHEN THE ORIGINAL GARE BOWL WAS EXHIBITED IN TOKYO TEN YEARS AGO...
..WE HAD HIM EXCHANGE THE BOWL ON EXHIBIT FOR THE ONE HE MADE.

..HAD HIM EXCHANGE--?!

HA...

HE CREPT INTO THE MUSEUM AT NIGHT...

...AND PULLED THE OLD SWITCHEROO, LEAVING HIS BOWL IN THE GAME BOWL'S PLACE.

UH-HUH!

IT'S NOW BEEN A DECADE OF DECEIT!

NO ONE WAS EVER THE WISER!

HE MADE THAT BOWL FOR THE TWO OF US.
I GUESS OTOSAN...
...HAD A SENSE OF HUMOR
OGAWA RESIDENCE
I AGREE WITH YOUR MOTHERS
WHY?
THE BOWL WAS MADE FOR THEM BY SOMEONE THEY LOVED, RIGHT?

HAVE YOU EVER HEARD THE SAYING "IT'S THE THOUGHT THAT COUNTS"?
A GIFT'S TRUE VALUE ISN'T THE PRICE TAG, BUT THE EMOTIONS AND CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING IT
THE GIVER'S INTENTIONS DETERMINE ITS VALUE
WOMEN ARE COMP-LICATED.
BECAUSE THEIR HUSBAND MADE IT FOR THEM...
...THE BOWL IS PRICELESS TO YOUR MOTHERS.

UTAKO-SAN...
WELL... DUH.
IF SOME JERK STOLE IT AS A JOKE...
I'D RATHER DIE THAN LOSE A GIFT FROM YOU!
..I'D CHASE HIM TO THE END OF THE UNIVERSE TO GET IT BACK.
IT'S ALMOST 9 O'CLOCK. YOUR ANNOUNCEMENT SAID YOU'D STRIKE AT 10 O'CLOCK, RIGHT?
HOW DID YOU KNOW?

THE NEWS GUY ON TV SAID 20 FACES HAS RETURNED FROM VACATION AND IS UP TO NO GOOD
UH.
OH, HA HA HA!
THANK YOU FOR COMING TO SEE ME. I KNOW YOU HAVE WORK TO DO
IT'S MY PLEASURE. I WANTED TO SEE YOU.
BESIDES, I DID ALL THE ADVANCE WORK, SO I'M GOOD TO GO

I HAD TO FIND A PASSAGE-WAY TO THE ATTIC
I KNEW IT!
BUT WASN'T THE BOWL IN THE UNDERGROUND SECTION OF THE DISPLAY?
YOU'VE REALLY DONE YOUR HOMEWORK.
YOU GOT INSIDE THE MUSEUM, DIDN'T YOU? WAS THERE A LOT OF EXTRA SECURITY AROUND THE EXHIBIT?
WHEN IT COMES TO LOVE, I GIVE IT MY ALL.
I CAN'T HELP YOU ON THE JOB, BUT...
...I'LL BE WISHING YOU LUCK FROM HERE.

MY 20 FACES IS INVINCIBLE
THANK YOU!
THOSE STUPID POLICEMEN CAN'T CATCH HIM!
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しゅん
In front of the museum...

CATCH A COLD, RYUSUKE-KUN?
GAZOON-TITE!
?
?
I SNEEZE ENOUGH
NOT TOO MUCH LATELY, THOUGH
NOPE SOMEONE MUST BE TALKING ABOUT ME
YOU'RE PRETTY POPULAR YOU MUST SNEEZE A LOT.
Hee hee hee
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EVEN SO...!
20 FACES WON'T ESCAPE MY GRASP TONIGHT
BEHOLD!
I'VE MADE SURE EVERY OFFICER IS ON DUTY FOR THIS!
NT Art Museum
うぞーむぞ
THE PASSAGE TO THE UNDER-GROUND EXHIBITS!
THE ENTRANCE TO THE MUSEUM!!

I'VE GOT A HELICOPTER STANDING BY, IN CASE HE TRIES TO PULL ONE OF HIS FLYING TRICKS
THE PLACE IS GUARDED FROM THE GROUND UP!
AN AIR GETAWAY WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE.
HEAVENS NO!
YOU AREN'T BEING SARCASTIC.. ARE YOU?
AKECHI-SENSEI...
IT'S ALMOST 10PM.
LOOK AT THAT
WELL-DONE RYUSUKE-KUN REALLY GREAT
THIS TIME, I CAN'T LOSE!
LIKEWISE, I'VE BLOCKED THE ONLY PATH TO THE UNDERGROUND EXHIBIT HEH-HEH!

HE'S NOT USUALLY LATE.
STRANGE. IT'S PAST 10 NOW
OR MAYBE HE HAD HOMEWORK TO DO
MAYBE ALL THE SECURITY AND SURVEILLANCE SCARED HIM AWAY
OR MAYBE HE HAD TO BE UP EARLY TOMORROW
HE WAS SPOOKED BY THE SHEER MIGHT OF MY DEFENSE.

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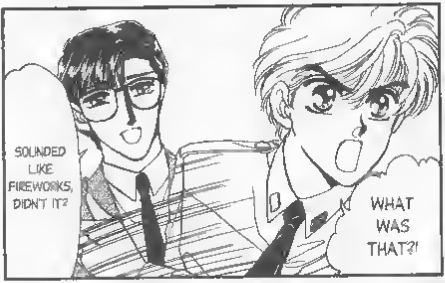
AKECHI-SENSEI! YOU ARE MAKING FUN OF ME!
DON'T TRY TO DENY IT!
HA HA HA.


SOUNDED LIKE FIREWORKS, DIDN'T IT?
WHAT WAS THAT?!

WHY A RIVER?
SOUNDS LIKE A RIVER
DO YOU HEAR THAT?
BECAUSE IT'S WATER.

FROM THE ATTIC, MAYBE?
IT SOUNDED LIKE IT WAS ABOVE US!

WHY WATER?
MAYBE THE TANK FOR THE SPRINKLER SYSTEM EXPLODED.
OKAY! I GET IT! HEE HEE HEE!
HA HA HA.
WHY'RE YOU LAUGHING? WHAT'S SO FUNNY?
YOU LAUGHED FIRST.
HOW COULD IT BE THE TANK?
THE FIRST HOUSE WAS IN THE ATTIC, BUT THE WATER NOISE IS UNDERGROUND

THIS MUSEUM IS PREPARED FOR THE POSSIBILITY OF UNDERGROUND FIRES
THE SPRINKLER SYSTEM FOLLOWS THE LAYOUT OF THE BUILDING
IT'S DESIGNED TO REACH EVERY ROOM.
BUT THAT MEANS..
OK. THAT MAKES SENSE. BUT I FAIL TO SEE HOW IT HAS ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE MATTER AT HAND
WELL WE MIGHT CONSIDER THAT THIS ROOM IS ON THE LOWEST LEVEL AND MAY END UP SUBMERGED IN WATER.
IF IT EXPLODED, THE WATER WOULD FLOW INTO THE BASEMENT AS WELL AS THE ATTIC

YOU HAVE A TERRIBLE SENSE OF HUMOR!
HA HA HA!
OKAY! I GET IT !! HEE HEE HEE!
AAAAAH !!!!
WE COULD DROWN. THE WATER'S UP TO MY WAIST ALREADY
I'M GLAD THIS IS ALL SO RIDICULOUS TO YOU!
LOOK AT ALL THIS WATER I FEEL LIKE A TREE AFTER A TYPHOON!

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WE HAVE TO EVACUATE NOW!!
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HM. THERE'S A LOT OF JUNK FLOATING AROUND IN HERE
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AH-HA!
I FOUND THE BOWL.
I HOPE THIS WILL MAKE THEM HAPPY!
THIS IS THE BOWL THAT MY DAD MADE FOR BOTH OF MY MOTHERS.

THAT 20 FACES! HE'S SUCH A SHOWOFF!
IT LOOKS LIKE THE WHOLE PLACE IS FLOODED!
セーハー セーハー

I'LL HAVE TO APOLOGIZE TO THE OWNER LATER
MAN, I REALLY DID A NUMBER ON THIS PLACE.

IT'S 20 FACES!

I SEE SOMEONE NEAR THE 2ND FLOOR WINDOW!

COME BACK, YOU WORTH-LESS THIEF!
AMAZING GETAWAY, AS USUAL
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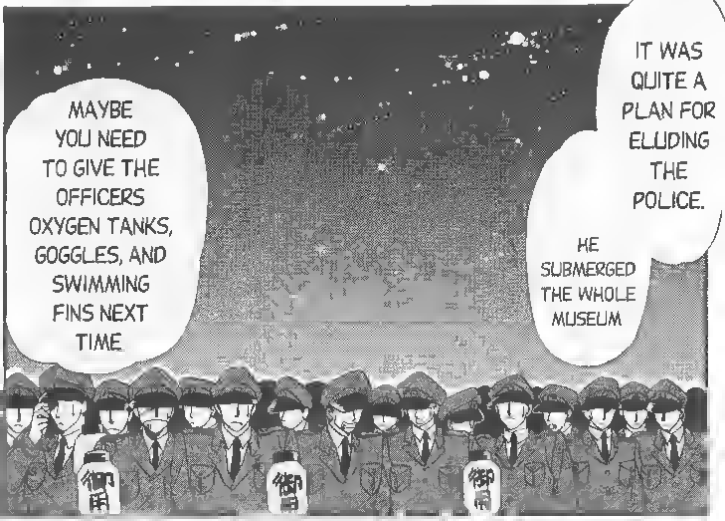
IS IT NATURAL FOR A GUY TO EXPEL THAT MUCH SMOKE FROM HIS BACK-SIDE?


IT WAS QUITE A PLAN FOR ELUDING THE POLICE.
HE SUBMERGED THE WHOLE MUSEUM
MAYBE YOU NEED TO GIVE THE OFFICERS OXYGEN TANKS, GOGGLES, AND SWIMMING FINS NEXT TIME
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YOU THINK THIS IS FUNNY--
--DON'T YOU, AKECHI-SAN?!

THIS REMINDS ME OF A FAVORITE ALLEGORY...
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LIONS DO MANY THINGS THAT WE MIGHT CONSIDER CRUEL.
FOR INSTANCE, THEY'VE BEEN KNOWN TO HURL THEIR NEWBORN CHILDREN FROM THE EDGES OF CLIFFS AND MAKE THEM CLIMB BACK UP BY THEMELVES SOMETHING HUMANS WOULD FIND REPELLENT
HOWEVER, LIONS LOOK AT THE BIGGER PICTURE. THEY DO IT TO TEACH THEIR CUBS DETERMINATION, SO THEY'LL HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO SURVIVE IN THE HARSH WILDERNESS
SOMETIMES YOU HAVE TO STEEL YOUR HEART, AND SHOW "TOUGH LOVE" TO PEOPLE THAT YOU CARE ABOUT.

YES, WELL-
UH NO! OF COURSE NOT. HA HA
I'M SO GLAD MY MISERY AMUSES YOU!!
NO YOU'RE NOT YOU *WANT* ME TO FAIL!
I'M ON YOUR SIDE, RYUSUKE-KUN
UH- OF COURSE NOT HEH HEH HEH

THAT'S THE BOWL, ALL RIGHT!
Ijyuin Residence
WOWWWW!
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THIS, AKIRA-SAN!!
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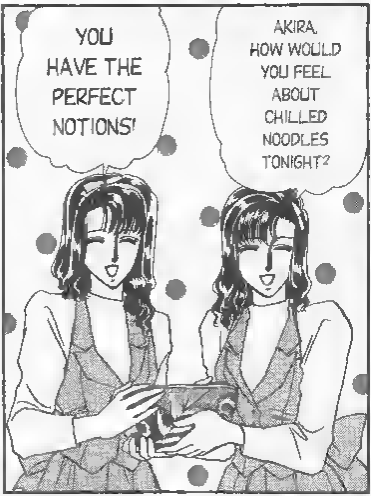
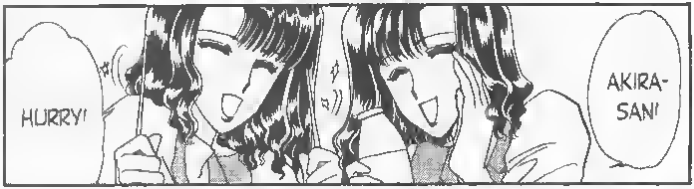
IT WOULD KILL US IF WE EVER LOST...
...ANYTHING YOUR FATHER GAVE US.
EVERY GIFT WE RECEIVED FROM HIM...
IS A PRICELESS TREASURE.

WHAT A SPLENDID IDEA!
LET'S SERVE DINNER WITH HIS BOWL!


YOU HAVE THE PERFECT NOTIONS!
AKIRA, HOW WOULD YOU FEEL ABOUT CHILLED NOODLES TONIGHT?

MOMS...

...JUST TO SERVE CHILLED NOODLES, HUH?
SO, ALL THAT TROUBLE...
I'LL NEVER UNDERSTAND A WOMAN'S HEART...


HURRY!
AKIRA-SAN!

COMING!
END

YES?
20 FACES...
THE CAKE WASN'T BAKED ALL THE WAY THROUGH. DON'T EAT IT!
THE FACT THAT YOU MADE IT IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN ITS TASTE
WHILE I APPRECIATE THE SENTIMENT IT STILL BUGS ME

AKIRA UYUIN HE WILL MARRY HIS FIRST LOVE, UTAKO OGAWA, WHEN HE'S 22 YEARS OLD AFTERWARDS HE WILL GRADUATE FROM THE MEDICAL SCHOOL AT CLAMP SCHOOL'S UNIVERSITY DIVISION AND BECOME A PEDIATRICIAN.

UTAKO OGAWA. SHE WILL MARRY HER SECOND LOVE, AKIRA UYUIN WAITING TWO YEARS AFTER HE PROPOSES TO HER AND MARRYING HIM AT 15 YEARS OLD. AFTERWARDS SHE WILL BECOME A KINDERGARTEN TEACHER AT CLAMP SCHOOL.

MOM A AND B PEOPLE HAVE MENTIONED THAT THEY SEEM TO BE GETTING YOUNGER INSTEAD OF OLDER. WHY AKIRA HAS TWO MOTHERS STILL REMAINS A MYSTERY

CHRISTMAS STAR
クリスマス・スター

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すぴー
Early morning at the Ijyuin homestead
カリカリカリ
WHAT?
THAT CAME FROM THE SUNROOM!
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DON'T COME IN!!!
WHOA!
BUT YOU CAN'T COME IN HERE. STAY OUT!
WE'RE FINE!
I HEARD SOMETHING CRASH. ARE YOU OKAY?
MOMS!
ARE YOU SURE?
YOU'RE NOT HURT?
YOU CAN'T COME IN!!
WOW

WHEN YOU'RE DONE WITH WHATEVER YOU'RE DOING PLEASE JOIN ME.
OKAY, I'LL GET BREAKFAST STARTED
.....
HELLO?
AKIRA-SAN APPEARS TO BE GONE
YUP NOWHERE IN SIGHT

BREAKFAST...
WELL, I HAVE A--
--SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING TODAY, SO..
THANK YOU!
I'LL BE COMING HOME..
..LATE TONIGHT ..?
WE HAVE TO KEEP EVERYTHING A SECRET UNTIL TONIGHT
WITHOUT A DOUBT!

IT'S BEEN AWHILE, EVERYONE.
MY NAME IS AKIRA IJYUIN.
CLAMP School
ELEMENTARY CLASS BOARD MEETING ROOM
TODAY IS THE LAST DAY OF THE SEMESTER SO THE STUDENT COUNCIL IS HAVING A MEETING.
I AM IN FOURTH GRADE AT CLAMP SCHOOL.
I HAVE ASSUMED MY FATHER'S IDENTITY AS THE MYSTERIOUS 20 FACES.
THIS IS NOKORU IMONOYAMA, SIXTH GRADE.
HE IS THE CLASS PRESIDENT
TODAY IS DECEMBER 24TH, ISN'T IT?
THIS IS SUOH TAKAMURA, FIFTH GRADE.
CHAIRMAN
ABOUT THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY..
MINUTES

WHAT SHOULD BE THIS YEAR'S CENTRAL ACTIVITY?
WHAT WAS IT LAST YEAR?
THE STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN AN INTERNATIONAL TRIVIA SUPERQUIZ SCAVENGER HUNT
WE STARTED WITH THE TOKYO DOME.
LAST YEAR'S WINNER WON A MONTH LONG WORLD CRUISE, IF I RECALL.
Hmmmmm
AND THE TRIP DIDN'T COUNT AGAINST HIS ATTENDANCE RECORD
A REWARD REWARD FOR SUPERIOR KNOWLEDGE AND LUCK.
flip
WE HAVE A FANTASTIC PREPARATION COMMITTEE. THEY WOULD ONLY NEED A DAY TO WRAP THINGS UP. IT COULD BE FUN
WHAT DO YOU THINK, AKIRA?
WHAT?
HUH?
WHAT DOES THE COUNCIL TREASURER...
...THINK THE PARTY'S CENTRAL ACTIVITY SHOULD BE?

GOOD OL' AKIRA ALWAYS SO SENSIBLE
AHHA HA HA
FUNNY AND TRUE
I THINK WE SPENT SO MUCH ON OUR FIELD TRIPS..
THAT WE SHOULD BE CONSERVATIVE WITH CHRISTMAS SPENDING
THAT WOULD HELP ME OUT A LOT

WELL...
WHAT'S UP?
WOULDN'T THAT BE TOO MUCH WORK.
FOR SANTA CLAUS?
HUH?
CHRISTMAS MEANS PRESENTS. RIGHT?
SO FOR WINTER BREAK, WE SHOULD SET UP A STUDENT BODY TRIP TO SOMEWHERE NICE LIKE A CARIBBEAN VACATION
A TROPICAL CHRISTMAS SOUNDS PRETTY GOOD TO ME.

SANTA CLAUS, CHAIRMAN.
AKIRA, WHAT ARE YOU *TALKING* ABOUT?
BESIDES, HOW WOULD WE TELL SANTA, ANYWAY? HIS ADDRESS ISN'T EXACTLY PUBLIC
REROUTING ALL THOSE PRESENTS WOULD TAKE TIME
...SANTA CLAUS REALLY EXISTS... DO YOU? THAT'S SO CUTE!
AKIRA, YOU CAN'T *POSSIBLY* BELIEVE THAT.
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WOULD YOU MIND SIGNING THESE DOCUMENTS?
ONLY AN IDIOT DOESN'T BELIEVE IN SANTA CLAUS!
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OF COURSE.
HEH. I DIDN'T THINK YOU STILL BELIEVED IN-
I MAYBE ABSENT-MINDED, BUT AT LEAST I KNOW *THAT* MUCH

I BAKED A CHRISTMAS CAKE FOR TODAY
I'LL GO MAKE SOME MILK TEA, TOO
OOOPS! IT'S TEATIME!
HUH-- THAT AKIRA IJYUIN
WHAT A LITTLE WEIRDO.

GOODBYE!
SEE YOU TOMORROW!
BYE-BYE, UTAKO-SAN!
Kindergarten division
GOODBYE!
GOODBYE!
HOW WAS YOUR DAY
UTAKO-SAN?

MA... MAKO-ONEESAMA!
W-WHAT ARE *YOU* DOING HERE?
I *DO* ATTEND FIRST GRADE AT CLAMP SCHOOL.
IT'S NOT LIKE OUR CLASSES ARE CLOSE TO EACH OTHER.
DOESN'T IT STAND TO REASON THAT I MIGHT RUN INTO MY BABY SISTER ON OCCASION?
IT'S A THIRTY-MINUTE WALK BETWEEN THEM!

HA-HA-HA! TEMPER, TEMPER, UTAKO-CHAN. SO SUSPICIOUS!
tee hee hee
EVEN IF YOU HITCHED A RIDE ON A SCHOOL GO-CART...
...IT'D STILL TAKE AT LEAST TWELVE MINUTES!
YOU EXPECT ME TO BELIEVE IT'S A COINCIDENCE YOU'RE HERE?!

I WANTED TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT THEM, ACTUALLY
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU TO DO SOMETHING FOR NO REASON
NOT LIKE OUR PARENTS WOULD
WHAT IS IT?
YOU'RE SUCH A WORRYWART!
THEY'RE NOT GETTING DIVORCED.
WHO SAID I WAS WORRIED ABOUT *THAT?!!*

I WANTED TO PUT OUR HEADS TOGETHER TO THINK OF SOMETHING GRAND FOR THEM.
IT'S ABOUT THEIR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS
YEAH, WE SHOULD FIGURE THAT OUT
OH.
DO YOU HAVE YOUR GIFT FOR 20 FACES ALL PICKED OUT?

I DO!
YOU'RE A WHIZ IN THE KITCHEN!
Akeehl-sensei's house

EXCUSE ME.
YOU HAD A BROTHER?
YOU SHOULD TRY MY OLDER BROTHER'S COOKING
HELLO SHIGETAKA SPEAKING
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NIISAN?

WELCOME BACK!
SORRY TO BE LATE!
HI, MOMS, I'M HOME!
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I'LL GET DINNER STARTED.
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WE'RE IN THE SUNROOM.
WHERE ARE YOU GUYS? MOMS?

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WHOA!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

HOW COULD WE FORGET YOU WERE BORN ON DECEMBER 24TH?
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AKIRA-SAN!
SURPRISE!
YOU'RE TEN YEARS OLD!
THIS IS WHAT YOU WERE UP TO!
NOW I UNDERSTAND!
BLOW OUT THE CANDLES!
HURRY!
OKAY!
WE DID THE DECOR-ATIONS OUR-SELVES.
WE BAKED A CAKE, TOO, BUT WE'RE NOT SURE IT TURNED OUT RIGHT.

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NOW ALL THAT'S LEFT TO DO IS WAIT FOR SANTA TO ARRIVE.
AKIRA-SAN.
DID YOU HANG YOUR STOCKING BY YOUR BED?
YOU BET!
I ALSO MADE SOME FOR YOU GUYS!
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YOU MADE THOSE YOURSELF?!

SO I GOT GLOVES FOR HIM THIS YEAR!
AND I WAS WORRIED THAT SANTA MIGHT GET COLD...
I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT HE'LL BRING US.
REALLY? WHAT WAS THAT?
I DOUBT IT COULD TOP THE PRESENT WE GOT TEN YEARS AGO...

YOU, AKIRA-SAN.
TEN YEARS AGO, YOU WERE OUR CHRISTMAS PRESENT.
SANTA COULDN'T COMPETE.
WE COULDN'T EVER HAVE ASKED FOR A BETTER PRESENT THAN YOU.
OH, MOMS..

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OH. SANTA-SAN!

WAIT!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK EVERY CHRISTMAS!
HAVE YOU EATEN YET, SANTA-SAN?
NO-
-UM NOT YET
I KNOW YOU NEED TO GO
HO HO HO.
CONSIDER IT A BIT OF PAYBACK FOR THE GIFTS YOU BRING ME EVERY YEAR
YOU MUST HAVE A TON OF PRESENTS TO DELIVER, BUT HOW ABOUT A QUICK BITE TO FUEL UP FOR THE NIGHT'S WORK?
SOUNDS DELIGHTFUL

ARE YOU SURE?
YES, I BAKED IT ESPECIALLY FOR TONIGHT...
PLEASE, HAVE SOME CAKE.
SO THIS WAS LEFT OVER
...BUT MY MOTHERS SURPRISED ME WITH A CAKE THEY MADE FOR ME.

HO HO HO HO
WELL, I AM SANTA CLAUS
HUH?
WOW, YOU KNOW EVERYTHING, SANTA-SAN
HOW DID YOU KNOW IT WAS MY BIRTHDAY? AND MY NAME..?
OH, YES TODAY'S ALSO YOUR BIRTHDAY, AKIRA-KUN.
HA HA HA HA HA

HE'S SO EASY TO TALK TO. THE WAY HE SMILES, IT'S LIKE I'VE KNOWN HIM FOREVER.
WHAAAAT?! WHO TOLD YOU ABOUT THAT?
SO YOU AND A CERTAIN YOUNG LADY HAVE GOTTEN QUITE FRIENDLY
THINGS SEEM TO BE GOING WELL BETWEEN YOU
LIKE I SAID I'M SANTA CLAUS.
TELL ME ABOUT HER.
JEEPERS... WHERE TO BEGIN?
A SENSITIVE SUBJECT
SHE'S VERY CUTE.

HOW OLD IS SHE?
hmmmmm
SIX
SHE'LL BE SIX THIS YEAR
I SEE.
SHE'S STILL VERY YOUNG THEN
SO HAVE THE TWO OF YOU DISCUSSED MARRIAGE YET?
?!!
WHAAAT?!
SLOW DOWN! I DON'T EVEN THINK I'M RIGHT FOR UTAKO-SAN!
AH! SO HER NAME IS UTAKO-SAN!

...THAT THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS ETERNAL LOVE.
BESIDES, UTAKO-SAN TOLD ME RECENTLY...
IT CAN'T LAST.
SHE'LL FIND SOMEONE MUCH BETTER THAN ME, AND THAT WILL BE THAT.
SHE SAID THAT FEELINGS CHANGE AND THAT REMAINING THE SAME IS BORING

ONE DAY YOU'RE IN LOVE WITH SOMEONE, AND THE NEXT YOU'RE NOT
SHE'S RIGHT FEELINGS DO CHANGE.
BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN YOU SHOULDN'T LOVE AT ALL.
THAT'S LIFE.
EVEN A LITTLE LOVE IS MORE THAN YOU CAN HOPE FOR.

EVEN IF YOU COULD PREDICT THE FUTURE, WHY WOULD YOU?
THAT WOULD MAKE LIFE PRETTY BORING
EMOTIONS ARE MEANT TO BE UN-PREDICTABLE.
THAT'S THE EXCITING PART— THE WAY FEELINGS TAKE YOU OVER

BUT IF ALL THE LOVE YOU SHARED IS STRONG ENOUGH, IF IT'S WORTH HANGING ONTO..
..IT WILL SUSTAIN ITSELF OVER THE LONG YEARS.
THAT MAY JUST BE WHAT "FOREVER" MEANS.
TIME WILL PASS...
...YOU'LL BOTH GROW OLD
...AND THEN YOU'LL BE ON YOUR WAY TO HEAVEN.
WHO KNOWS?
MAYBE YOU GUYS WILL ALWAYS BE THIS WAY
MAYBE YOUR LOVE WILL GET DEEPER

LOOK AT US! WE'RE JUST A COUPLE OF YOUNGSTERS, AND HERE WE ARE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT A CONCEPT LIKE "FOREVER." WE SHOULD HOLD OFF ON THIS DISCUSSION UNTIL WE'RE AT LEAST 80
HO HO HO
YEAH!
AKIRA KUN..
TODAY IS YOUR BIRTH-D..Y.
YOU SHOULD ENJOY IT.
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holy night
Silent night
NOW I KNOW WHO YOU REMIND ME OF!
AKECHI-SENSEI, MY TEACHER!

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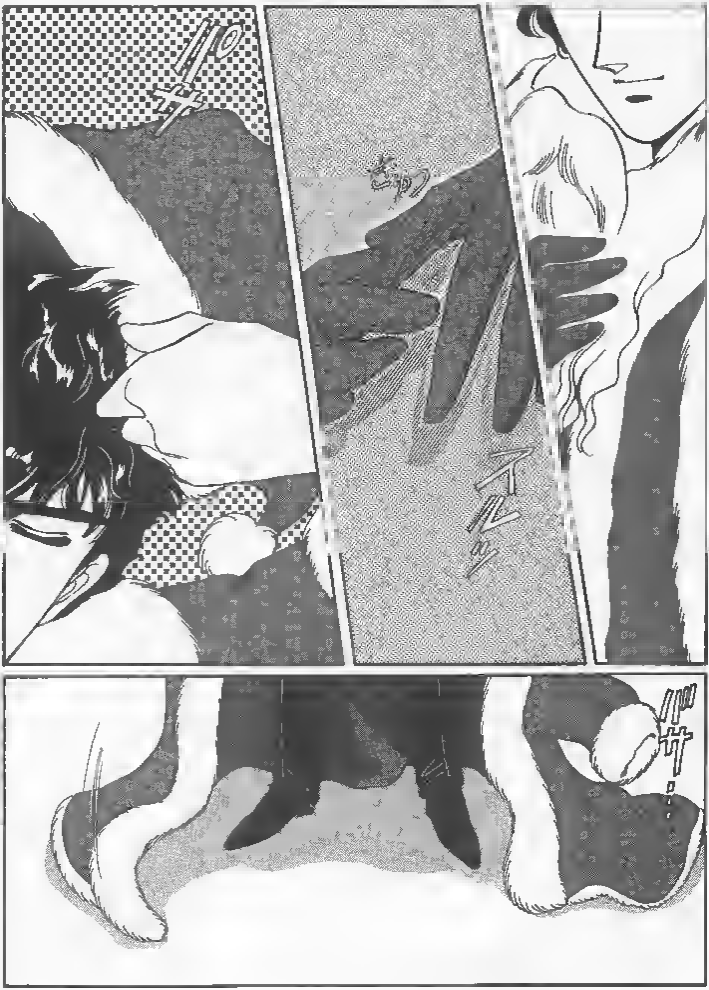
HAVE WE MET BEFORE?
SANTA-SAN..
HUH?
I FEEL LIKE I KNOW YOU FROM SOME OTHER TIME.
IT'S LIKE DÉJÀ VU.

I KNOW YOU
...VERY, VERY WELL..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HAPPY BIRTHDAY...
...AND GOOD NIGHT.
MY ONLY BELOVED SON.
AKIRA-KUN, YOU'VE GROWN SO FAST. YOU'VE BECOME QUITE THE LITTLE MAN IN MY ABSENCE.

For Santa Claus
THIS IS THE BEST PRESENT I'VE EVER GOTTEN.
MERRY CHRISTMAS!
HEE-HEE HEE-HEE
SOMETIMES YOU CAN BE A REAL AIRHEAD, UTAKO-SAN
WHY DID I THINK CHRISTMAS FELL ON A FRIDAY?!
COULD HAVE KNITTED GLOVES THIS YEAR!
DARN IT!
END

THE WEDDING'S ABOUT TO START... WHERE COULD 20 FACES BE?
THERE YOU ARE! HURRY, HURRY!
LET'S GO! I DON'T WANT TO BE LATE.
UTAKO-SAN, WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?

SHIGETOSHI IJYUIN
AKIRA'S FATHER. HIS MOTHERS' HUSBAND. NOBODY KNOWS WHY HE DOESN'T LIVE WITH HIS FAMILY, SINCE HE'S STILL ALIVE

LIKE OR DISLIKE

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Ogawa residence
MY NEIGHBOR'S DOG JUST HAD PUPPIES THEY'RE THE CUTEST THINGS EVER
..AND I GET TO ADOPT ONE OF THEM!
THAT SOUNDS WONDERFUL!
I CAN'T WAIT. I'VE ALWAYS WANTED A PUPPY!
YOU LIKE DOGS?
I LOVE DOGS! ALL MY DREAMS HAVE DOGS IN THEM
I WANT TO GROW UP AND HAVE A CUTE DOG, CUTE KIDS, AND A CUTE HUSBAND
THE IDEAL MARRIED LIFE.

I THINK YOU'LL BE FANTASTIC.
THANK YOU!
I KNOW YOU'D MAKE THE WORLD'S PRETTIEST BRIDE.
Ah ha ha ha ha
NATURALLY!
I KNOW HAVING A PERFECT MARRIAGE AND BEING THE PERFECT WIFE ISN'T EASY.
IT'S NOT SOMETHING YOU'RE BORN WITH, BUT IF I WORK REALLY HARD, I CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN.
YOU'D BETTER INVITE ME TO THE CEREMONY SO I CAN SEE.
OF COURSE!
...
Huh?

SO WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS THAT YOU DON'T MIND ONE BIT, NOT IN ANY WAY, IF I MARRY SOMEONE ELSE?
I WANT TO COME TO YOU AND YOUR FUTURE HUSBAND'S WEDDING
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?
M-M-M-M-MARRIAGE?!
YOU AND M-M-M-ME?
...I HATE YOU!!!!
I... I...
HMPH!
UTAKO-SAN?

The Ijyuin home
THE SECRET SPELL...
ON AUGUST 24TH, MS. UTAKO OGAWA, THE YOUNGEST DAUGHTER OF THE OGAWA FORTUNE, WILL BE CELEBRATING HER BIRTHDAY AT HER FAMILY'S ESTATE.
NOW ON TO OUR NEXT STORY...
hmmm hmmm
WHY DID UTAKO-SAN LOSE HER TEMPER LIKE THAT...?
SHE WAS HAPPY AND TALKATIVE AND THEN WHAMMO! A SHE-DEMON!
Having Fun
AN OFFICIAL INVITATION FROM THE OGAWA FAMILY IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND THE PRIVATE AFFAIR. THIS YEAR IT WILL BE A MASQUERADE BALL.
UTAKO-SAN?!

UTAKO-SAN.
AS THE OGAWAS ARE ONE OF THE WEALTHIEST FAMILIES IN THE WORLD..
THIS MASQUERADE IS SURE TO BE AN ELABORATE PRODUCTION
WOWWW!
WE WANT AN INVITATION!!!

It was on the news!!
WHAT OTHER PARTY IS THERE?!
DIDN'T YOU SEE? IT'S AN INVITATION-ONLY EVENT.

WE WANT TO GO TO THE MASQUERADE BALL!
YOU MEAN UTAKO-SAN'S PARTY? FROM THE TV?

BUT I'M ALREADY IN TROUBLE WITH UTAKO-SAN.. I DON'T WANT TO--
WE KNOW!
WE WANT AN OFFICIAL INVITATION!

FINE I'LL SEE WHAT I CAN DO.
WE WANT AN INVITATION TO THE PARTY!

20 FACES IS A WIENIE!
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WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU?
MA-MAKO-ONEESAMA!
TELL ME WHAT'S WRONG, UTAKO-SAN. MAYBE I CAN HELP.

heh heh heh...
SPILL!
WHAT HAPPENED?
I THINK YOUR HELP WOULD ONLY MAKE THINGS WORSE.
DON'T BE DUMB
.....
THAT BAD, HUH?
IF A MAN SAID TO A WOMAN, "WHEN YOU GET MARRIED I'LL BRING YOU A GIFT"
HYPO-THETICALLY...

..HOW WOULD YOU THINK THE MAN FELT ABOUT THE WOMAN?
..H-HOW..
I'D THINK HE DIDN'T FEEL MUCH AT ALL
YEAH, THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT
I TOLD HIM HOW MY DREAM WAS TO BE A WONDERFUL WIFE.
A DREAM I THOUGHT WE COULD SHARE
..BUT THEN HE SAID..
HE SMILED AND LISTENED AND SEEMED TO UNDERSTAND..
I WAS TALKING ABOUT MARRIAGE.
20 FACES DIDN'T SAY THAT, DID HE?

SOB!
H-HE SAID "YOU'D BETTER INVITE ME TO THE CEREMONY"
OH, DEAR
AND THAT MEANS..?
AND SLIDES INTO BREAK
HE'S HIT A HOME RUN IS ROUNDING THIRD..
THAT BEAST!!
JUST AS YOU FEARED
HE HAS NO INTENTION OF MARRYING YOU.
20 FACES WAS JUST MESSING WITH YOUR HEART
THAT'S RIGHT

I WOULDN'T HAVE GUESSED FROM THAT BABY FACE OF HIS...
BUT APPARENTLY, HE'S A PLAYER
UGH...
WAIT... ONEESAMA— WHEN DID YOU SEE HIS FACE?!
HA HA HA!
THAT'S MY SECRET
HA!
HA!
HA!
SCHOOL CLINIC
WHAT'S WRONG, AKIRA-KUN?
YOU LOOK UPSET
CLAMP School

A CERTAIN PERSON DOESN'T LIKE ME ANYMORE.
IS IT A GIRL?
HUH?
WHAAAT?!
SO IT IS A GIRL.
WHY DOESN'T SHE LIKE YOU ANYMORE?
SHE WAS TELLING ME ALL ABOUT HER DREAMS FOR THE FUTURE.
ONE OF THOSE DREAMS WAS TO HAVE A NICE FAMILY AND BE THE PERFECT WIFE

I THOUGHT SHE WOULD MAKE A BEAUTIFUL BRIDE.
THERE'S NO ONE LOVELIER
A NOBLE GOAL.
I THOUGHT SO, TOO. SHE'S A LOVELY PERSON.
SO...
I HONESTLY DID.

I SAID, "YOU'D BETTER INVITE ME TO THE CEREMONY"

SOME TIMES IT'S IMPORTANT TO EXPRESS HOW YOU FEEL
AKIRA-KUN, YOU ARE A NICE YOUNG MAN AND MODEST TO A FAULT
H-H-HOW DO I FEEL?!
HOW DO YOU REALLY FEEL ABOUT THIS GIRL?
DON'T YOU LIKE HER?
WELL, Y-YEAH... KINDA I G-GUESS..!

EXPRESS HOW..
I F-FEEL?
Y-YES
AKIRA, YOU REALLY CARE FOR HER, DON'T YOU?
THEN YOU HAVE TO TELL HER, OR SHE'LL NEVER KNOW
I DON'T WANT TO BE A BOTHER
YOU ARE PROBABLY BOTHERING HER MORE BY KEEPING YOUR FEELINGS SECRET

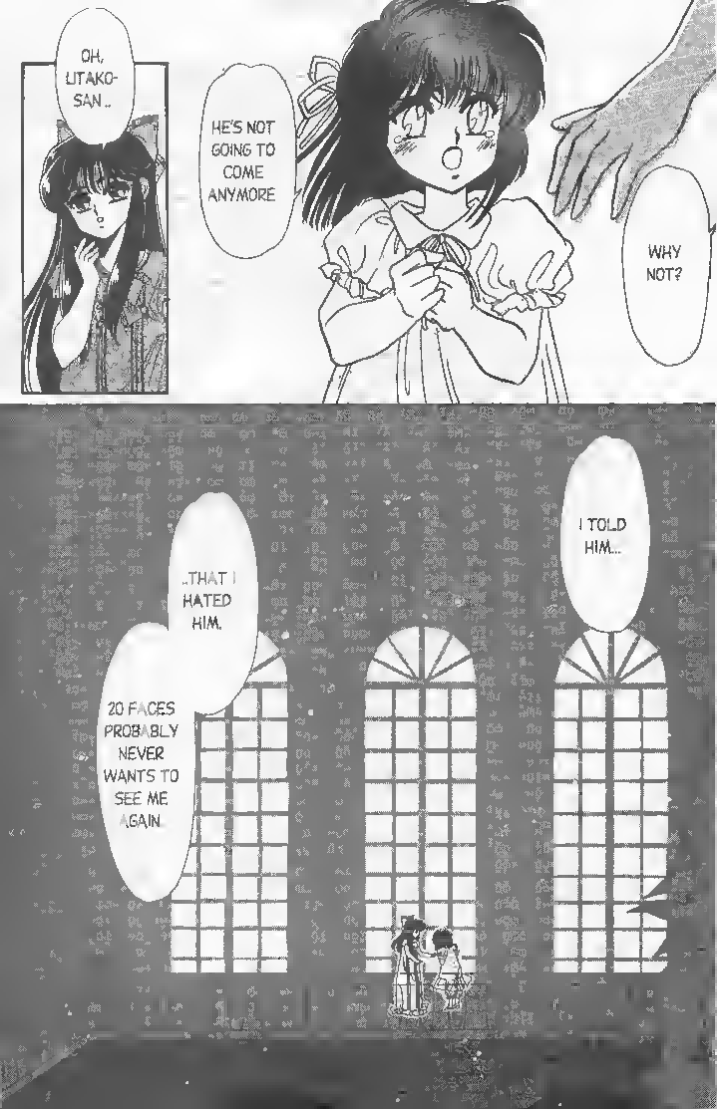
THERE ARE THINGS THAT YOU FEEL YOU DON'T HAVE TO SAY...
...BUT IT'S IMPORTANT TO EXPRESS SOME FEELINGS WITH WORDS, TO LET SOMEONE KNOW YOU CARE.
NOT EVEN THE SMARTEST PERSON CAN READ ANOTHER'S HEART
NO ONE CAN
THAT'S WHY WE HAVE WORDS LIKE "LOVE," SO WE CAN SHARE OUR DESIRES WITH EACH OTHER
SHE'LL NEVER UNDERSTAND YOU IF YOU KEEP IT ALL BOTTLED UP
IF YOU *REALLY* WANT TO BE CONSIDERATE OF HER FEELINGS, THEN YOU NEED TO SWALLOW YOUR FEAR AND BE HONEST WITH HER.

ONEESAMA?
IT'S FRIDAY NIGHT, BUT NO SIGN OF 20 FACES...
.....
20 FACES DIDN'T SHOW UP, DID HE?
AND YOU STILL LIKE HIM, SO IT HURTS.
YOU WEREN'T JUST SPENDING TIME WITH HIM, WERE YOU...
...BECAUSE YOU THOUGHT HE LIKED YOU, WERE YOU?

NO.
GOOD
YOU SHOULDN'T BE CONCERNED, THEN.
YOU CAN KEEP LOVING HIM JUST LIKE BEFORE. YOUR EMOTIONS WERE PURE, EVEN IF HIS WEREN'T
ONEESAMA...
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO SAY DUMB STUFF LIKE...
..."OUR LOVE HAS TO BE MUTUAL," ARE YOU?

ROMANCE ALWAYS ENDS UP BEING A ONE-WAY STREET.
YOU MIGHT FEEL LIKE YOU UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER, BUT IT'S ONLY AN ILLUSION.
THAT'S WHY ROMANCE IS SUCH A THRILL.
YOU AND 20 FACES ARE STRANGERS PLAYING AT SOMETHING MORE.
BOTH OF YOU MIGHT VERY WELL LOVE EACH OTHER, BUT YOU'LL EXPRESS THAT LOVE IN DIFFERENT WAYS, BECAUSE YOUR EMOTIONS ARE BORN FROM SEPARATE HEARTS

MAYBE HE'LL EVENTUALLY LOVE YOU MORE THAN YOU LOVE HIM YOU NEVER KNOW
EVEN IF HE DOESN'T WANT TO MARRY YOU NOW, THAT DOESN'T MEAN HE'LL ALWAYS FEEL THAT WAY SOMETIMES GUYS HAVE TO GET USED TO THE IDEA
I THINK HE DEFINITELY HAS FEELINGS FOR YOU
UNTIL NOW, HE CAME BY EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT, AND THAT SAYS SOMETHING
MAYBE..
IT'S ABOUT DETERM-INATION AND EFFORT!
NO
IT'S NO GOOD


OH, UTAKO-SAN..
HE'S NOT GOING TO COME ANYMORE
WHY NOT?
I TOLD HIM...
..THAT I HATED HIM.
20 FACES PROBABLY NEVER WANTS TO SEE ME AGAIN.

Haa ha ha ha!
Ha ha!
August 24th, Ogawa Residence
The Masquerade Ball
WHOA!
AAH!

IT'S 20 FACES!
UTAKO-SAN!
COME WITH ME!
HE'S BACK, UTAKO-SAN! HURRY!
20 FACES?!

ONEE-SAMA, IT'S HIM!
MAKE SURE TO TELL HIM HOW YOU FEEL UT..KO-SAN
LIVE LIFE WITH-OUT REGRET.

IF HE WAS PLANNING ON COMING.. WHY DIDN'T HE RSVP?!
HE PROBABLY HAD A LOT TO TAKE CARE OF HE WAS RATHER WORRIED.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
OH NOTHING
WOW, A HOT AIR BALLOON!
LET'S GET ONE OURSELVES NEXT TIME!
YET ANOTHER GREAT IDEA!
WAIT
SETTLE DOWN RYUSUKE-KUN WE'RE AT A PARTY!
WHAT ARE MY NEIGHBORS DOING HERE?
HAVE SOME FOOD AND ENJOY YOURSELF FOR ONE EVENING
BUT 20 FACES..
I TOLD YOU BEFORE
.. IF YOU INTERFERE WITH LOVE, IT'LL KICK YOU LIKE A HORSE KICKING A BRATTY COWHAND, AND YOU'LL GO STRAIGHT TO HELL..

I'M SORRY TO RUIN ANOTHER BIRTHDAY...
...BUT I HAD TO TELL YOU SOMETHING
TELL ME...?
REALLY
I-I-I...
...Y-Y-Y...
...LI-LI-LIKE...
GIVE ME A SECOND
I...
I...

I
LOVE
YOU.

I'M SORRY I KNOW I'M BEING A PEST, BUT I HAD TO TELL YOU
YOU WERE SO ANGRY WITH ME LAST TIME WE WERE TOGETHER
I KNOW YOU HATE ME, AND I GUESS MAYBE YOU SHOULD...
...BUT SOMEONE TAUGHT ME THAT IT'S BETTER TO TELL SOMEONE YOUR FEELINGS THAN HAVE THEM NEVER KNOW YOU CARE
WHA--?
I'M SORRY. I KNOW YOU'RE ANGRY. I'LL TAKE YOU BACK TO THE PARTY.
WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME SOONER?!
UTAKO-SAN?

I LOVED YOU, TOO, SINCE THE MOMENT WE MET!
UTAKO-SAN...
WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME SOONER?!
I LOVED YOU.
EVEN IF YOU DIDN'T RETURN MY FEELINGS
NOW THAT I KNOW YOU LOVE ME TOO...
I LOVE YOU EVEN MORE.
UTAKO-SAN...
I GUESS CERTAIN FEELINGS HAVE TO BE STATED TO BE REALIZED.
SAY WHAT?
HOW COULD YOU NOT HAVE SEEN IT?
I SWEAR, I HAD NO IDEA!

THOSE THREE WORDS ARE...
...THE BEST BIRTHDAY PRESENT I'VE EVER RECEIVED.
END

RYUSUKE-KUN, I TRIED OUT A NEW RECIPE. I WANT YOU TO TRY IT
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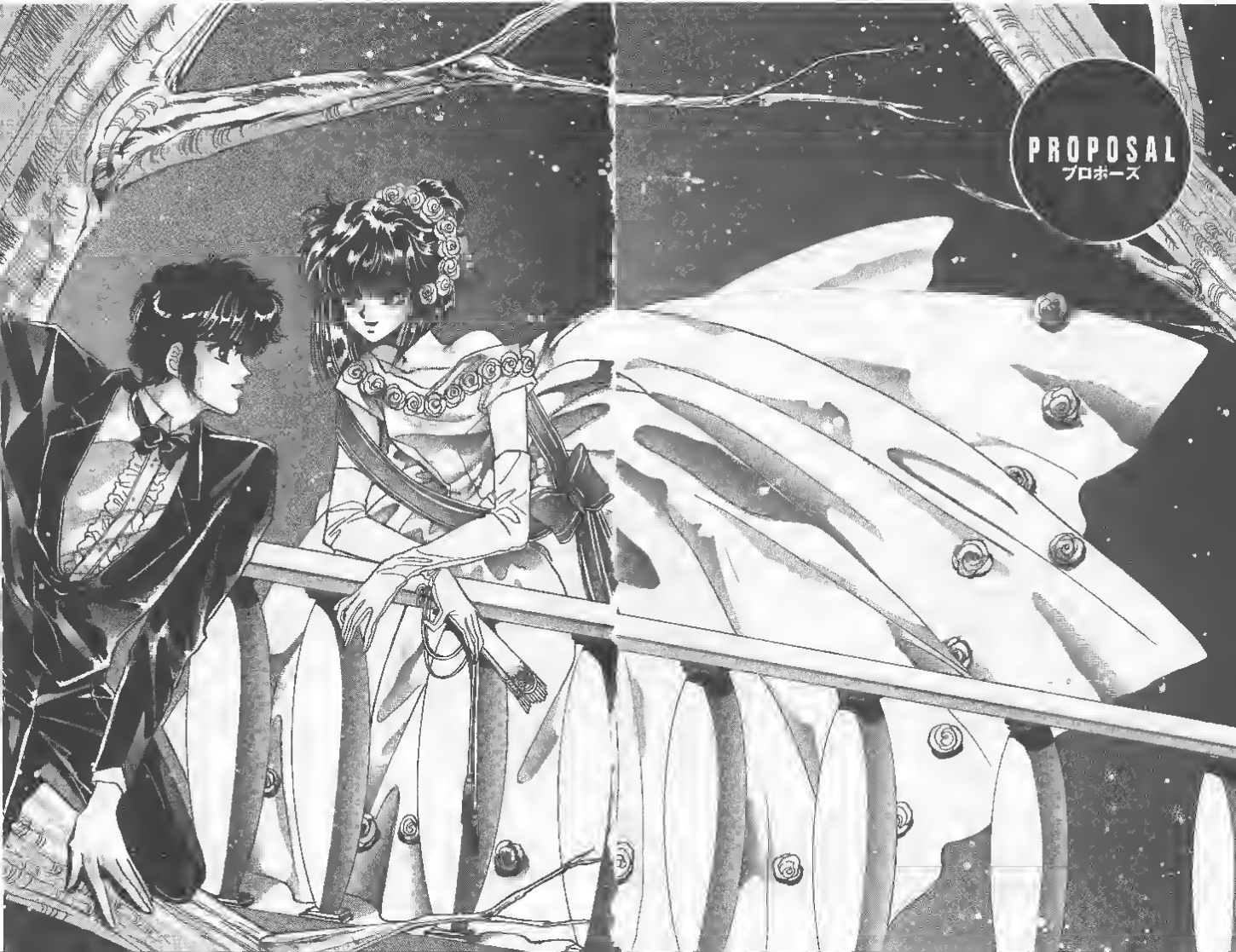
THE WILD DUCK PAIRED WELL WITH THE SAUCE. VERY REFRESHING THE SALAD WAS CRISP. THE DRESSING WAS GOOD, ALTHOUGH IT COULD HAVE USED JUST A BIT MORE ACIDITY
He is now a total gourmet
YES, YES

RYUSUKE KOBAYASHI IT'S STILL UNCLEAR AS TO HOW HE HAS THE POWER TO BOSS POLICE OFFICERS AROUND IN THE FUTURE. THOUGH, HE'LL BECOME A REAL POLICE DETECTIVE.

AKECHI-SENSEI IN THE FUTURE, HE WILL STILL BE THE SCHOOL DOCTOR

UTAKO-SAN, TODAY'S YOUR BIRTHDAY.
CLAMP High School
I WANT TO GET YOU SOMETHING. WHAT'S AT THE TOP OF YOUR WISH LIST?
YOUR FATHER HAS A THING FOR GRAND GESTURES, SO I SUSPECT HE'LL TRY TO OUTDO LAST YEAR'S PRESENT
THIS YEAR, THERE'S ONE THING I WANT MORE THAN ANYTHING
IT WOULD MAKE ME SO HAPPY
CLAMP School Sophomore, Utako Ogawa
THANKS, GUYS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Ijyuin Residence.
AKIRA-SAN!
IS BREAKFAST READY YET?
IT'LL BE DONE IN A MINUTE!
TAKE A SEAT, OKASAN!
CLAMP School University
Medical Student, Second Year,
Akira Ijyuin. 20 years old.

IT'S NOT LIKE WE HAVE JOBS
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT YOU'RE BUSY WITH SCHOOL, AND YOU ALWAYS WORK SO LATE.
THANKS FOR WAITING
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EVEN SO, AKIRA-SAN, WHY ARE YOU WORKING? IT'S NOT LIKE YOU NEED TO.
WE'RE GLAD YOU SLEPT IN A LITTLE.
Ah..!
I WANT TO GET SOMEONE A PRESENT WITH MONEY I ACTUALLY EARNED
THAT'S WHY..

I'LL BE LATE AGAIN TONIGHT. I'VE COOKED DINNER ALREADY SO HEAT IT UP WHEN YOU'RE READY AND DIG IN!
DESSERT'S IN THE FRIDGE!
I'M LATE FOR MY CLASS! I HAVE TO GO.
SEE YOU LATER!
BYE BYE, AKIRA DARLING!

RYUSUKE-SAN! GOOD MORNING
YO!!
MORNING!
OFF TO SCHOOL?
HEADING DOWN TO THE STATION?
TIME FLIES SO FAST
YOU USED TO BE THIS SCRAWNY KID AND NOW YOU'RE IN COLLEGE.
ABOUT THIS BIG

Oh!!
STUDY HARD, AKIRA, AND BECOME A GOOD PEDIATRICIAN!
THAT'S RIGHT! I WAS RUNNING LATE!
MY DEPART-MENT'S THE BUSIEST IN THE CITY
YESTERDAY A SUSPECT TRIED TO ESCAPE, BUT WE RAN HIM DOWN
YOU'RE A GREAT COP
WE STARTED TO YELL AT HIM, AND THE GUY FAINTED WHAT A WUSS!
EXCUSE ME!
HAVE A RIGHTEOUS DAY!

HI, AKIRA-KUN! IT'S BEEN A WHILE.
DID YOU GET THAT JOB?
AKECHI-SENSEI, ARE YOU HERE?
SCHOOL CLINIC
HELLO
YES.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE REFERRAL.
BOTH THE STUDENTS AND THE TEACHERS THINK YOU'RE A GREAT INSTRUCTOR
TUTORING SEEMS TO SUIT YOU VERY WELL.

HOW VERY THOUGHTFUL OF YOU.
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THIS IS A TOKEN OF MY APPRECIATION.
I KNOW IT'S NOT MUCH, BUT...
I'LL BE WISHING YOU THE BEST OF LUCK.
I'M ABOUT TO GO GET IT.
HAVE YOU SAVED ENOUGH YET?
YES!
SO THE "PRESENT"...?
THANK YOU.

Ogawa Estate
UTAKO-SAN...
YOU NEED TO SMILE TODAY'S YOUR 233RD BIRTHDAY
SHUT UP! I'M ONLY SIXTEEN TODAY!

DID YOU HAVE A DATE?
WHY ARE YOU SAD? IS IT BECAUSE 20 FACES ISN'T HERE?
BULL'S EYE!
YOU TWO HAVE BEEN TOGETHER FOR ELEVEN YEARS IT'S SO WONDERFUL THAT YOU'RE STILL ANXIOUS TO SEE HIM AFTER ALL THIS TIME.
TODAY'S A SPECIAL DAY I REALLY WANTED TO SHARE IT WITH HIM
THERE WAS ONE PRESENT I REALLY WANTED
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TONIGHT
I ASKED HIM TO MAKE SURE TO COME TONIGHT
BUT HE DIDN'T COME
BUT HE DIDN'T COME.
THERE WAS SOMETHING I WAS HOPING TO GET
10/31
THIS BIRTHDAY WAS SUPPOSED TO BE SPECIAL.

I'M SORRY I'M LATE
JERK! I DIDN'T THINK YOU WERE GOING TO COME!
I SHOULD'VE BEEN WORRIED THAT YOU WERE ALL RIGHT. BUT ALL I COULD THINK ABOUT WAS HOW I WANTED YOU HERE.
IT'S OKAY.
I HATE THAT I CAN BE SO SELFISH SOMETIMES!
I'M SORRY.
THERE WAS SOMETHING I REALLY WANTED TODAY...

WELL, I DID BRING YOU A PRESENT SHOULD I GIVE IT TO YOU?
IT TOOK ME A WHILE TO HAVE THE COURAGE TO GET THIS, BUT I DECIDED IT WAS THE RIGHT TIME. I WANT YOU TO HAVE IT BEFORE I CHICKEN OUT
AND IT WAS SOMETHING ONLY YOU COULD GIVE ME.
WHAT IS IT?
IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT, THEN JUST THROW IT AWAY OR SOMETHING
WHAT IS IT?
I WOULDN'T THROW AWAY A GIFT FROM YOU EVEN IF THE WORLD STOPPED TURNING!

TODAY'S YOUR SWEET SIXTEEN
I KNOW THAT WE'RE STILL YOUNG AND ALL BUT..
WELL, UH.. UM..
ARE YOU PROPOSING TO ME? IS THAT IT?
Y- Y- YES!

HUH?
HOW DO YOU ALWAYS KNOW EXACTLY WHAT I REALLY WANT?
YOU CAN BE SUCH AN ENIGMA.
TODAY, MY FONDEST WISH WAS TO RECEIVE A PROPOSAL FROM YOU. IT WOULD'VE MADE THIS THE SWEETEST SIXTEENTH BIRTHDAY.
AND HERE IT IS. NOTHING WOULD MAKE ME HAPPIER THAN BECOMING YOUR BRIDE.
UTAKO...
YET SOMEHOW THE TWO OF US DEFY THAT RULE ON A REGULAR BASIS.
A WISH IS NEVER SUPPOSED TO TURN OUT EXACTLY THE WAY YOU WANT IT TO.

I WOULD NEVER LET ANYBODY ELSE HAVE YOU
NOT A CHANCE.
I WAS WORRIED YOU'D THROW THE RING IN MY FACE.
I LOVE YOU
WITH THOSE MAGIC WORDS, WE'RE INVINCIBLE.

I'LL PROBABLY BE THE HAPPIEST BRIDE IN HISTORY
THEN I'LL BE THE HAPPIEST GROOM...
...AND TOGETHER WE'LL BE THE HAPPIEST NEWLY-WEDS.

UTAKO-SAN...
I'M FINALLY GOING TO BE YOUR WIFE, AKIRA-SAN.

YES.
BEFORE I SWEAR TO GOD..
...I'LL SWEAR TO YOU

I LOVE YOU MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE IN THE UNIVERSE
END

NEWLY MARRIED
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POP
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WOOF?
UHH
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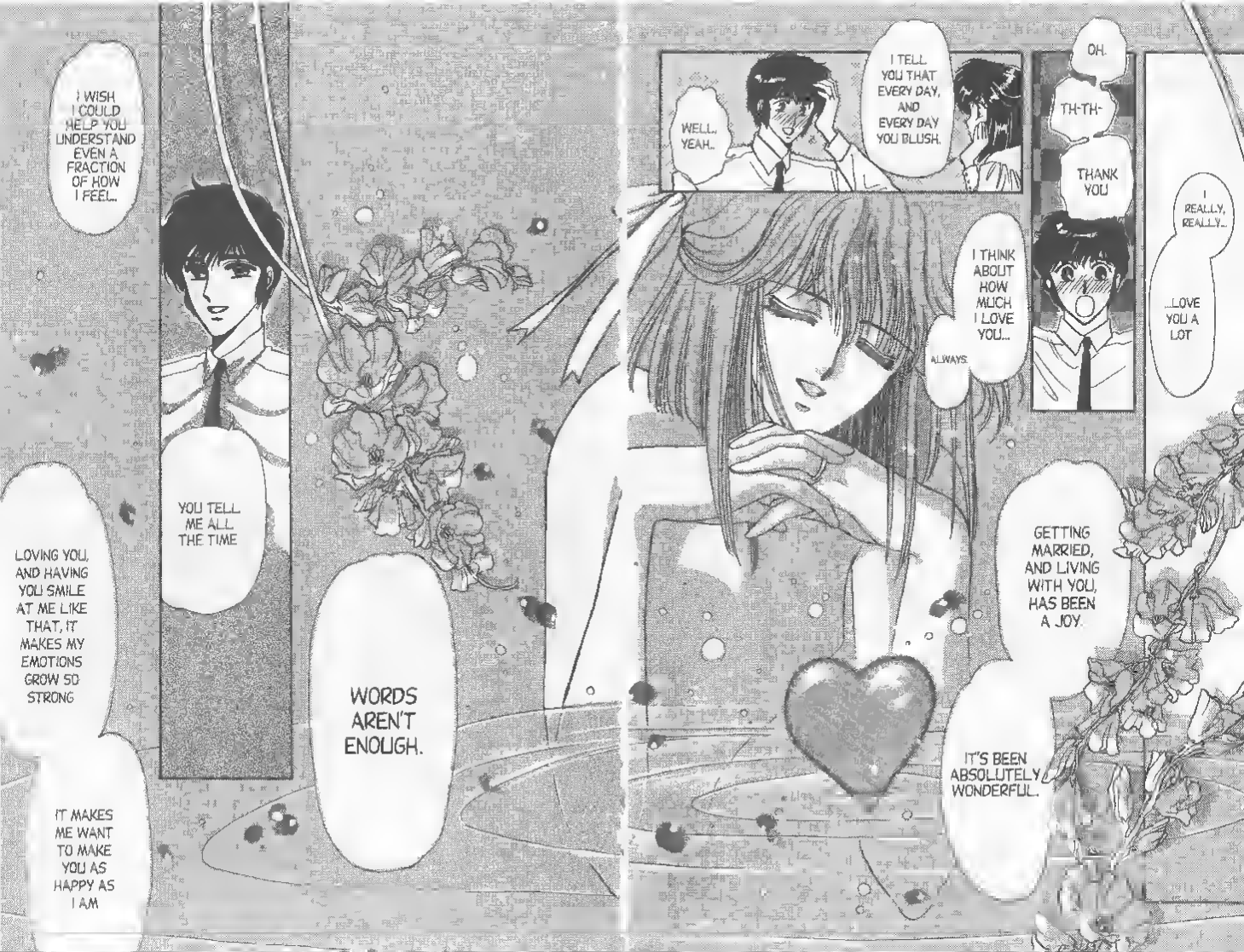
パタパタ
カリカリ
SHHHHHH
Oh!
Are you OK?

PHEW
PRETENDING
CLACK
OK. PUPPY. IT'S TIME TO GO WAKE UP YOUR DADDY.

HE WAS FAKING!
GOOD MORNING!
HELLO THERE!
WAKE UP SWEETIE.
WAKE UP!
HOW IS IT?
SCRUMP-TIOUS!
I'VE BEEN PRACTICING SINCE WE FIRST MET.
I'M TRYING TO IMPROVE.
BUT YOU'RE STILL MUCH BETTER AT COOKING THAN ME.
THAT'S NOT TRUE.
YES, IT IS
BACK WHEN I WAS FIVE. COOKING, LAUNDRY, CLEANING, SEWING...

I'VE TRAINED FOR THIRTEEN YEARS TO BE A GOOD WIFE
I THINK I'M FINALLY BECOMING AVERAGE
COOKING, CLEANING, SEWING, LAUNDRY...
YOU DO ALL OF THEM WELL, UTAKO-SAN.
BUT YOU'RE STILL SUPERIOR AT ALL OF THEM, AKIRA-SAN
THAT MAKES ME LOOK LIKE A BAD WIFE.
YOUR COOKING IS MUCH BETTER THAN MINE, BY FAR
I CAN'T EAT MY OWN BLAND FOOD ANYMORE.
I LOVE YOU VERY MUCH


I WISH I COULD HELP YOU UNDERSTAND EVEN A FRACTION OF HOW I FEEL..
YOU TELL ME ALL THE TIME
LOVING YOU, AND HAVING YOU SMILE AT ME LIKE THAT, IT MAKES MY EMOTIONS GROW SO STRONG
IT MAKES ME WANT TO MAKE YOU AS HAPPY AS I AM
WORDS AREN'T ENOUGH.
WELL.. YEAH..
I TELL YOU THAT EVERY DAY, AND EVERY DAY YOU BLUSH.
I THINK ABOUT HOW MUCH I LOVE YOU...
ALWAYS.
OH.
TH-TH-
THANK YOU
I REALLY, REALLY...
...LOVE YOU A LOT
GETTING MARRIED, AND LIVING WITH YOU, HAS BEEN A JOY.
IT'S BEEN ABSOLUTELY WONDERFUL.

I KNOW THAT I CAN'T EXPRESS 100% OF WHAT I FEEL TO YOU
I JUST HOPE TO GIVE BACK A SMALL PERCENTAGE OF THE BLISS YOU GIVE TO ME.
I WANT TO COOK YOU A DELICIOUS MEAL BECAUSE I LOVE YOU...
PERFECTION IS STILL A UNIVERSE AWAY
BUT MY COOKING WILL NEVER COMPARE TO YOURS
EVERY MORNING, YOU SERVE THE BEST BREAKFAST IN TOWN
HUH?
THE MOST PRECIOUS PERSON IN MY LIFE MAKES ME BREAKFAST EVERY DAY.
HOW COULD ANYONE ELSE'S BREAKFAST TOP THAT?

FUZZY LOGIC, AT BEST...
THAT'S A STRETCH
I REFUSE TO BACK DOWN WHEN IT COMES TO YOU
I CAN NEVER WIN
EVERY PERSON HAS THEIR OWN IDEA OF PERFECTION, BASED ON WHAT THEY GET OUT OF AN EXPERIENCE.
EVEN IF YOU TELL ME I'M WRONG, I THINK YOU MAKE THE BEST BREAKFAST
I ALWAYS THINK THAT I LOVE YOU MORE THAN YOU LOVE ME, BUT THEN YOU COME ALONG AND SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT..
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
AND AS USUAL, YOU PROVE ME WRONG
BECAUSE YOU MADE IT FOR ME

OF COURSE I LOVE YOU MORE!
WAS THERE EVER A QUESTION?
THIS IS MORTIFYING
I WANT US TO STRIVE FOR EACH OTHER'S LOVE FOR THE REST OF OUR LIVES
I SUPPOSE THERE ARE WORSE THINGS WE COULD ARGUE ABOUT
WANT IT TO LAST FOREVER

AND ONE DAY, JUST MAYBE, I'LL KICK YOUR BUTT!

I WON'T LOSE, LOVE

BE PREPARED, SWEETIE

ARF! ARF! ARF!

YOU'LL BE LATE FOR SCHOOL!
YOU HAVE AN EARLY CLASS TODAY!
LOOK AT THE TIME!!
THANKS FOR THE MEAL!
WAIT..
A SPECIAL KISS SO YOU'LL...
SO YOU'LL HAVE A GOOD DAY

I HAVE TO GET GOING!
ooops
WE'VE T KEN YET ANOTHER STEP.
Man of Many Faces
END

MAKO-ONEESAMA, DID YOU STICK THIS NOTE ON MY DOOR?
I KNOW YOUR SECRET!
LOVE, MAKOTO
MY NAME'S ON IT ISN'T IT?
IF YOU WANT ME TO KEEP QUIET YOU NEED TO BAKE ME CAKES
WHICH ONE...?
MY SECRET?

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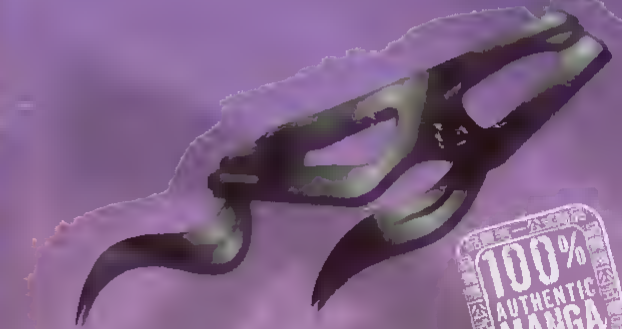

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